

MINUTES

**CITY OF IMPERIAL BEACH
CITY COUNCIL
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PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY
HOUSING AUTHORITY
IMPERIAL BEACH REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUCCESSOR AGENCY**

APRIL 16, 2014

**Council Chambers
825 Imperial Beach Boulevard
Imperial Beach, CA 91932**

REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING CALL TO ORDER

MAYOR JANNEY called the City Council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK

Councilmembers present:	Bilbray, Spriggs, Bragg
Councilmembers absent:	None
Mayor Present:	Janney
Mayor Pro Tem Present:	Patton
Staff Present:	City Manager Hall, City Attorney Lyon, City Clerk Hald

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MAYOR JANNEY led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA CHANGES

MAYOR JANNEY announced that a promotional video for Item No. 2.4 will be shown prior to consideration of the Consent Calendar.

MAYOR/COUNCIL REIMBURSEMENT DISCLOSURE/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS ON ASSIGNMENTS AND COMMITTEES

COUNCILMEMBER BRAGG announced that the Imperial Beach Homefront Cleanup Event is scheduled for Saturday, May 3 and the Citywide Garage Sale is scheduled for Saturday, April 26.

MAYOR PRO TEM PATTON announced that the Imperial Beach Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 19.

MAYOR JANNEY reported on a trip he took with the Mayor of Tijuana and noted that he and the Mayor of Tijuana agreed to visit each other's cities. He announced that Assistant City Manager Wade has good news regarding the Department of Finance.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY STAFF

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER WADE reported that the City received notification today from the Department of Finance that the next Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule was approved, including the repayment of the loan back to the City.

MAYOR JANNEY thanked City staff, Special Counsel and Assembly Member Atkins for their efforts on the matter.

PUBLIC COMMENT

SHIRLEY NAKAWATASE announced that the Sun and Sea Festival is scheduled for July 18, 2014 to coincide with the City's Birthday. She noted that it will be a small hometown event with the following scheduled events:

July 18: Mayor's Breakfast and the Boys & Girls Club Ball (in the evening)

July 19: A pancake breakfast at Pier Plaza presented by St. James Lutheran Church, a parade and the Sandcastle Competition.

She thanked the volunteers who made the Sandcastle event happen in the past and those who are volunteering today to make the event happen again.

KIRBY CHALLMAN, of the Del Mar Fairgrounds, invited everyone to the 2014 San Diego County Fair. This year's theme is "The Fab Fair," a tribute to the 50th Anniversary of the British Invasion.

JUNE ENGEL, Branch Manager, Imperial Beach Library, introduced and recognized Nancy Stone, a 2014 Volunteer of the Year for the San Diego County Library.

MARC PERLMAN, representing Integral Communities, announced that a workshop on the proposed project for the Bernardo Shores property will be held on Tuesday, April 22 at the Marina Vista Center.

BRIAN BILBRAY spoke positively about the state of the City of Imperial Beach and he congratulated the City Council on a job well done.

PRESENTATIONS (1)

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR (2.1-2.5)

MAYOR PRO TEM PATTON stated that the promotional video illustrates that San Diego is the right choice for holding the 2024 Olympic Games.

The promotional video for holding the 2024 Olympics in San Diego was shown.

MOTION BY BRAGG, SECOND BY SPRIGGS, TO APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM NOS. 2.1 THRU 2.5.

MAYOR JANNEY announced that Administrative Services Director Bradley added information to the Warrant Register to better explain expenditures.

VOTES WERE NOW CAST ON ORIGINAL MOTION BY BRAGG, SECOND BY SPRIGGS, TO APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM NOS. 2.1 THRU 2.5. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2.1 MINUTES.

Approved the minutes of the March 19, 2014 Regular City Council Meeting.

2.2 RATIFICATION OF WARRANT REGISTER. (0300-25)

Ratified the following registers: Accounts Payable Numbers 84296 through 84388 with a subtotal amount of \$259,887.05 and Payroll Checks/Direct Deposits 45826 through 45850 for a subtotal amount of \$126,915.35 for a total amount of \$386,802.40.

2.3 MODIFICATION TO ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES. (0100-90)

Without descent from members of City Council, Staff will complete the necessary modifications to the administrative procedure and move forward with opportunities as indicated in the staff report.

2.4 RESOLUTION NO. 2014-7474 PROCLAIMING SUPPORT FOR SAN DIEGO'S BID TO HOST THE 2024 SUMMER OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC GAMES. (0150-10)

Adopted resolution.

2.5 AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT A 2014 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (ATP) GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE BIKEWAY VILLAGE BAYSHORE BIKEWAY ACCESS ENHANCEMENT PROJECT. (0600-20 & 0680-20)

City Council supported and authorized the submittal of an application for 2014 Active Transportation Program funding.

ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING(3)

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS (4.1-4.2)

4.1 PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION NO. 2014-7473 CONFIRMING THE DIAGRAM AND ASSESSMENT AND PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF THE ANNUAL ASSESSMENT IN A SPECIAL MAINTENANCE DISTRICT (AD 67M). (0345-10)

MAYOR JANNEY declared the public hearing open.

CITY MANAGER HALL introduced the item.

CITY CLERK HALD announced no speaker slips were submitted.

MAYOR JANNEY closed the public hearing.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR LEVIEN spoke about the boundaries of the assessment district.

COUNCILMEMBER BRAGG noted that the rates have not changed since the 1992 inception of the assessment district.

MOTION BY BILBRAY, SECOND BY PATTON, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2014-7473 CONFIRMING THE DIAGRAM AND ASSESSMENT AND PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF THE ANNUAL ASSESSMENT IN A SPECIAL MAINTENANCE DISTRICT (AD 67M). MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4.2 PUBLIC HEARING ON RESOLUTION NO. 2014-7472 OF THE CITY OF IMPERIAL BEACH, CALIFORNIA ADJUSTING A REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION CONGESTION IMPROVEMENT PLAN (RTCIP) FEE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015. (0680-95)

MAYOR JANNEY opened the public hearing.

CITY MANAGER HALL introduced the item.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR LEVIEN reported on the item. He stated that these funds will be expended on a pedestrian, bicycle or public transportation project in the area between 9th and 7th Streets on Highway 75. The amount accumulated thus far is \$46,510. He noted that some of the funds will be expended next year as funds must be spent within seven years of the collection date. Otherwise, the City will need to ask for an extension.

COUNCILMEMBER SPRIGGS suggested that staff find a project that can also be funded by other sources to avoid filing an extension.

CITY CLERK HALD announced no public speaker slips were submitted.

MAYOR JANNEY closed the public hearing.

MOTION BY BILBRAY, SECOND BY PATTON, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2014-7472 ADJUSTING A REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION CONGESTION IMPROVEMENT PLAN (RTCIP) FEE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

REPORTS (5.1-5.7)

5.1 PROPOSED BSA EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT PRESENTATION. (0940-10)

CITY MANAGER HALL introduced the item.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR LEVIEN introduced Nate Sennett, Eagle Scout candidate.

NATE SENNETT gave a PowerPoint presentation on his proposed project to replace the Public Works Department sign with new wood and raised letters and to replace the grass section with interlocking pavers.

CONCURRENCE OF CITY COUNCIL TO HAVE NATE SENNETT PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT AS PROPOSED.

5.2 DISCUSSION OF A PROPOSED PROJECT FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO ELM AVENUE (4TH TO 7TH STREETS) AND APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR A CALTRANS ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION GRANT FOR THESE IMPROVEMENTS. (0150-30 & 0720-25)

CITY MANAGER HALL introduced the item.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR LEVIEN reported on the item.

CARMEN KASNER, City Engineer, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed project design.

CITY CLERK HALD announced no speaker slips were submitted.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR LEVIEN stated that the proposed project was well received by neighbors and that there was a desire to slow the traffic down. He also noted that the South Bay Union and Sweetwater Union High School Districts have been cooperative and supportive of the project.

COUNCILMEMBER BRAGG noted that the City is addressing the safety of children and residents and she spoke in support for the project.

COUNCILMEMBER SPRIGGS spoke about his attendance at a community meeting last year. He stated that staff and the consultant have done a great job at addressing the community's concerns. He noted that this project can be considered a success in that the concerns of citizen's were addressed; the concerns were reconciled with the school districts and it was all done in consideration for the best interest of the students and their safety.

MAYOR PRO TEM PATTON spoke about his attendance at a community meeting where there was contention but he noted that the meetings got better. He encouraged staff to continue to talk to the schools and to keep them informed.

With the possibility of the special needs section moving out of the area which would affect striping and signage, MAYOR JANNEY suggested that City Staff reach out to the school district when addressing the design of the project.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR LEVIEN spoke about the funding opportunities should the grant not be awarded to the City.

MOTION BY JANNEY, SECOND BY BRAGG, TO APPROVE THE PROJECT PLAN AS PROPOSED AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO PREPARE A CALTRANS ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION GRANT PROPOSAL FOR SUBMISSION BEFORE MAY 21, 2014 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS FOR MUTUAL PEDESTRIAN, BICYCLE AND VEHICLE ACCOMMODATIONS BETWEEN 4TH AND 7TH STREETS ADJACENT TO MAR VISTA HIGH SCHOOL, SOUTH BAY UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT AND IMPERIAL BEACH SCHOOL.

COUNCILMEMBER BILBRAY encouraged staff to consider alternatives to stop signs for calming traffic.

VOTES WERE NOW CAST ON ORIGINAL MOTION BY JANNEY, SECOND BY BRAGG, TO APPROVE THE PROJECT PLAN AS PROPOSED AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO PREPARE A CALTRANS ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION GRANT PROPOSAL FOR SUBMISSION BEFORE MAY 21, 2014 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS FOR MUTUAL PEDESTRIAN, BICYCLE AND VEHICLE ACCOMMODATIONS BETWEEN 4TH AND 7TH STREETS ADJACENT TO MAR VISTA HIGH SCHOOL, SOUTH BAY UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT AND IMPERIAL BEACH SCHOOL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5.3 COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO (APPLICANT); PRELIMINARY REVIEW FOR THE DEMOLITION OF AN EXISTING LIBRARY AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW PUBLIC LIBRARY AT 810 IMPERIAL BEACH BOULEVARD (APN 626-400-54-00). MF 1067. (0150-20 & 0600-20)

CITY MANAGER HALL introduced the item.

SENIOR PLANNER FOLTZ gave a PowerPoint presentation on the item.

NANCY STONE spoke about her history in Imperial Beach, the impact that the Imperial Beach Library had in helping the San Diego County Library System become the Library of the Year and the services currently offered at the library. She encouraged City Council's support for a library that represents the Imperial Beach of today. (Additional speaking time donated by Jack Blackburn)

MAYOR JANNEY thanked County Supervisor Cox and County staff for coming forward with the project.

City Council provided the following comments and direction:

DESIGN:

- The architecture should reflect the uniqueness of Imperial Beach and be consistent with reasonable costs and design standards
- The interior should have an open design
- The interior should be designed so that there is flexibility in the type of community uses (i.e. art shows, science fairs, etc.)

PARKING

- There was support for shared parking with the church
- Avoid changing Veteran's Park
- Parking is not only critical to library patrons but also to users of the Senior Center
- Keep the handicapped in mind and their need for parking spaces
- Increase the amount of bike parking

TRANSPORTATION DEMAND MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES

- We are becoming a more bicycle friendly community

ENTRANCE OFF OF IMPERIAL BEACH BOULEVARD

- There was support for having only one entrance due to minimal staffing

PATIO OFF OF IMPERIAL BEACH BOULEVARD

- Great design element
- The patio spaces are an extension of the interior
- Events at the library can be indoors and outdoors.
- The height of the wall in the splash patio area is a safety concern
- Explore the possibility of using the area for a coffee cart or reading area

MARINA VISTA CENTER DESIGN INTEGRATION

- There was support for integrating the Marina Vista Center into the project
- Having the Community Room integral to the library can open up more uses
- Common frontage along 8th Street is encouraged
- There is a need to improve and provide ventilation, airflow and sunlight

MARINA VISTA CENTER PROGRAMS

- The Women's Club has been the most frequent user of the Marina Vista Center and there was a request to retain their storage area and possibly increase it
- Expansion of the library should not impact existing programs
- There was a request to view the displacement program (if there is one)

TOM FINCHER, Chief of Project Management with the County Department of General Services, stated that the design is purely conceptual and he spoke about the proposed interior design.

MAYOR JANNEY requested that the two plaques located in front of the Marina Vista Center be retained.

5.4 CONSIDERATION OF AN OPERATING AGREEMENT WITH THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB AND A FIELD USE AGREEMENT WITH IMPERIAL BEACH LITTLE LEAGUE AND IMPERIAL BEACH GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE TO MAINTAIN AND OPERATE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES OWNED BY THE CITY OF IMPERIAL BEACH AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS 2014-7470 AND 2014-7471 AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE AGREEMENTS. (0130-08, 0130-20 & 0920-40)

Exhibit 1 to Resolution Nos. 2014-7470 and 2014-7471 was provided as Last Minute Agenda Information.

CITY MANAGER HALL introduced the item.

CANDY UNGER thanked the City Council for listening to the community and she thanked the Sports Park Collaborative for their efforts. She asked the Boys and Girls Club to remember what the community requested and she asked that they not turn away families who cannot afford it. She requested that the City try to find alternate positions for the Sports Park staff. She encouraged City Council to keep an eye on the Sports Park and to hold the Sports Park Collaborative accountable for the promises they made to engage the community with events and functions that generate money to be put back into the Sports Park. She also thanked everyone who supported the Sports Park Collaborative. (Additional speaking time donated by JOANN BARROWS)

MAYOR PRO TEM PATTON stated that it was rewarding for him to be on the Sports Park Collaborative and he looks forward to a sports venue that will serve all the members of the community.

COUNCILMEMBER BRAGG expressed concern and disappointment about the Spring Class Schedule not having an expanded list of classes for seniors.

COUNCILMEMBER SPRIGGS stated that there was success in getting the City and the community to reach an agreement. He expressed interest in knowing how the \$10,000 dedicated for scholarships will be monitored and he expressed disappointment that the staff report has a vague fiscal impact. He noted that with the turning over of public property, the costs beyond the \$60,000 (\$50,000 for offsetting power and water costs and \$10,000 for scholarships) should be known.

CITY MANAGER HALL responded that there may be some costs associated with the agreements. However, the City Council established a fund balance to cover the costs associated with the Parks and Recreation facilities.

MOTION BY PATTON, SECOND BY BILBRAY, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2014-7470 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN THE IMPERIAL BEACH RECREATION CENTER, SKATE PARK, TOT LOT AND ASSOCIATED AMENITIES AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2014-7471 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE IMPERIAL BEACH LITTLE LEAGUE AND THE IMPERIAL BEACH GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE TO USE AND MAINTAIN THE BALL FIELDS AT THE SPORTS PARK FACILITY.

MAYOR JANNEY thanked Ken Blinsman and one of the Board members for attending the meeting tonight. He stated that the U.S. Navy does not have recreational facilities at Ream Field and suggested that they may be a source of revenue for having leagues play during off hours.

VOTES WERE NOW CAST ON ORIGINAL MOTION BY PATTON, SECOND BY BILBRAY, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2014-7470 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN THE IMPERIAL BEACH RECREATION CENTER, SKATE PARK, TOT LOT AND ASSOCIATED AMENITIES AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2014-7471 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE IMPERIAL BEACH LITTLE LEAGUE AND THE IMPERIAL BEACH GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE TO USE AND MAINTAIN THE BALL FIELDS AT THE SPORTS PARK FACILITY. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5.5 CITY COUNCIL BRIEFING NO. 1 – PALM AVENUE MIXED USE & COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR MASTER PLAN. (0620-90)

CITY MANAGER HALL introduced the item.

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER WADE gave a briefing on the Palm Avenue Mixed Use & Commercial Corridor Master Plan.

SERGE DEDINA spoke in support for the project. He asked about a traffic management evaluation of the west end of Palm Ave. because traffic backs up on Palm Ave. between 5th Street and Carolina Ave. due to the difficulty in making left turns because of the bump outs. With regard to the plan, he spoke about the importance of making sure the traffic numbers are good and that the proposed changes do not increase traffic. He requested that the crosswalks on Palm Ave. be painted and that staff use best practices for public facilitation.

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER WADE stated that an official request was submitted to Caltrans to study the right-of-way for potential relinquishment. Additionally, Caltrans will submit comments on the Master Plan by the first workshop.

In consideration of the CIP priorities set by City Council, COUNCILMEMBER SPRIGGS expressed concern about staff getting over extended and the possibility of other projects getting delayed.

COUNCILMEMBER BRAGG stated that the Palm Avenue Master Plan has been a priority for the community for a very long time. She stressed the importance of involving the City of San Diego in the planning efforts in order to have a cohesive road. She also spoke about engaging discussions with the business community in Imperial Beach, businesses in San Diego along Palm Ave., the Navy, and the realtor's association.

MAYOR JANNEY responded that he has had discussions with Mayor Faulconor and the City of San Diego is trying to find funding for their project.

5.6 RESOLUTION NO. 2014-7468 AFFIRMING THE FISCAL YEAR 2014/2015 SEWER SERVICE CHARGE RATES FOR SANITARY SEWER SERVICE AS APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 2013-1138 ON MAY 15, 2013. (0830-95)

CITY MANAGER HALL introduced the item.

Following discussion by City Council, they directed staff to provide an overview of what other local municipal agencies use to base their customer water volume usage.

5.7 POLICY DISCUSSION: CREATION OF A PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE. (0120-80)

CITY MANAGER HALL reported on the item and asked for direction from City Council on whether to proceed with the creation of a Parks and Recreation Committee.

CANDY UNGER submitted a speaker slip in support for the item (she did not wish to speak).

TIM O'NEAL submitted a letter in support of the item.

MAYOR JANNEY spoke in support for conducting an inventory of what the City currently offers and he supported a membership of seven members.

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Patton's question about having an outside source conducting a needs assessment, CITY MANAGER HALL stated that the committee can be a sounding board before presenting the information to City Council for consideration.

COUNCILMEMBER BRAGG agreed with the suggestion to have a school representative such as a Physical Education Coach and she questioned the selection criteria for the youth.

COUNCILMEMBER BILBRAY suggested that the committee be open to all kids in Imperial Beach and not just Mar Vista High School students.

COUNCILMEMBER SPRIGGS suggested that City Council be thoughtful of what they want the committee to do. The best panel would be recreation experts that represent the community's interests, yet have a real background in recreation. He questioned if every member should be from Imperial Beach and he spoke about the need to have citizen oversight of the agreements that were approved tonight.

MAYOR JANNEY stated that the committee can evaluate the performance at the Sports Park as well as look at recreational opportunities in the City.

COUNCILMEMBER SPRIGGS expressed concern about expecting too much from a group of volunteers.

DON SPICER stated that the agreements will be monitored by the Boys and Girls Club, the Leagues and by the City.

CITY MANAGER HALL stated that as stipulated in the agreements, the Little League/Girls Softball and the Boys and Girls Club have to meet with the City Manager on a monthly basis to review how the programs are working out.

COUNCILMEMBER BRAGG stated that the information presented is a good framework for a committee and that the committee should assess the City's parks and recreational opportunities.

COUNCILMEMBER BILBRAY suggested that staff refer to a previous ordinance for guidance.

CITY MANAGER HALL suggested that the initial makeup of the committee be formed with the advice of the Mayor and consent of City Council rather than how he suggested on the staff report.

City Staff was directed to return to City Council with an ordinance that would create a Parks and Recreation Committee.

I.B. REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUCCESSOR AGENCY REPORTS (6)

None.

ITEMS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR (IF ANY)

None.

ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING

MAYOR JANNEY adjourned the meeting at 9:19 p.m.

_____/s/_____
James C. Janney, Mayor

_____/s/_____
Jacqueline M. Hald, MMC
City Clerk